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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
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- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$790. (submitted in duplicate)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) Petition submitted in duplicate
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PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 16869P-041600US
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Mineo NOMOTO, et al.

Application No.: 10/082,520

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MEASURING THICKNESS OF THIN
FILM AND DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD USING
SAME

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

This Amendment is with submission of a Request for Continued Examination [RCE] under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.